

## AFTER SOME LIVELY FIRING

### Horsethieves Captured By Wallowa County Officers.

#### ONE OF FORMER SHOT IN HEAD

#### Druggist in Enterprise, Or., Attacked by a Woman With an Umbrella, and Shot by a Lawyer, But Not Fatally

La Grande, Or., Oct. 12.—Particulars of a battle between horsethieves and deputy sheriffs in Wallowa county, were received from Enterprise today.

A few days ago two men, George and Henry Smith, passed through the Wallowa with a band of horses, supposed to have been stolen, and camped on Corral creek. A day or so afterward a warrant was issued for their arrest. It was feared they would resist, and five men were sent out to bring them in. The camp was easily located, and Henry Smith was found in it and captured by strategy. Four officers went to the camp, leaving a fifth in charge of the horses. The officers carried no arms in sight, and the horse thief did not suspect them, so that when they asked to see his pistol, he passed it over for inspection. The pistol was then turned on him, and he was compelled to hold up his hands. He was then taken away from the camp and left in charge of an officer.

Two of the officers started out to find the other brother, and one was left to watch the camp. George Smith returned to the camp and "got the drop" on the officer, and held him up. He suspected that something was wrong, and proceeded to march the officer up the trail. After proceeding a short distance, he met the two officers who were looking for him. The officers opened fire, which was returned by Smith, but none of the shots took effect. The officers then took refuge behind trees, and Smith fired four shots at them, three of which hit the trees. The deputy that Smith had a prisoner, fell to the ground as soon as the firing began, to escape the stray bullets.

The shooting cooled the ardor of the officers somewhat, and they turned their efforts toward keeping the trees between themselves and the horse thief. While the horse thief was trying to get another shot at the men behind the trees, the officer that had been left with the horses came up and shot the horse thief in the head with a shotgun. He had heard the firing and came up just in time to relieve his brother officers from an unpleasant position.

Henry Smith was brought to Enterprise last night and lodged in jail, but George is too severely injured to be moved, and was left in camp. A surgeon left Enterprise for the camp this morning, and until he returns the condition of the wounded man will not be known. It is supposed the sight of both men's eyes is destroyed. Mickel Stubblefield did the effective shooting.

#### Ivanhoe to the Rescue.

La Grande, Or., Oct. 12.—At Enterprise, in Wallowa county, today, F. S. Ivanhoe shot and seriously wounded R. C. Gregg. Mr. Ivanhoe is a well-known attorney, and Mr. Gregg is a druggist. The report received by telephone says that Mrs. J. W. Dalzell and Gregg were having trouble over Mrs. Dalzell's son, and Mrs. Dalzell had assaulted Gregg with an umbrella. In attempting to disarm her, Gregg broke the umbrella, and a scuffle resulted. Mrs. Dalzell continued the assault, and, in protecting himself, Gregg used considerable force. Just at that time Ivanhoe appeared, and seeing, as he supposed, a man assaulting a woman, took a shot at the man. The first time he missed, but the second shot struck Gregg in the jaw, inflicting a severe wound. The bullet was recovered by physicians this afternoon. Unless blood-poisoning sets in, no serious results are apprehended.

#### COURTS MUST SETTLE IT.

#### Election Board's Decision Concerning Name of Gold Democratic Party.

New York, Oct. 12.—The board of elections, at a meeting in Brooklyn tonight, rendered a decision that the party name of the national Democratic party was substantially the same as that of the regular organization, and that as such, it was an infringement on the rights to use the thereof by the regular party. It was decided further that certificates of nomination of the national party were not party certificates within the law. The board also endorsed the opinion of Corporation Counsel Burr that there was sufficient doubt in regard to the questions at issue to make it desirable that the matter should be determined as soon as possible by the courts.

#### A Rich Discovery Reported.

Trail, B. C., Oct. 12.—A discovery of free gold quartz has been made at Waterloo, fifteen miles up the Columbia from Trail. Specimens, said to have been taken from the outcroppings, were liberally sprinkled with gold that is visible to the naked eye. The second payment of several thousand dollars has been made on the Waterloo mines by the Horn Spoon syndicate.

## TERRIBLE SIBERIAN FLOODS.

### Great Damage and Loss of Life Near Vladivostok.

Tacoma, Oct. 13.—Reports from Vladivostok, which arrived today from Japan per steamer Tacoma, state that last month the plains bordering on the Ussuri were the scene of terrible floods. The rivers Siphon, Mor, Sauta Chasa and Iman were all out, and the plain for hundreds of miles was turned into a lake, in some places twenty-six feet deep. The Siberian railway was flooded for 120 versts from Iman, the last station on the road, and in many places washed away and for some days telegraphic communication with Vladivostok was interrupted, both on the government and private lines. The grain crops were being gathered, and were stocked in sheaves in the fields, and the winter stock of hay was being housed. All these were carried away, as were in most cases the stock of the farmers, as well as their houses.

News had been received of the deaths of over a score of people, and it was feared that in the more remote districts the loss of human life would be still greater. Rescue parties were out in all directions, taking the farmers and their families to places of safety in the few boats to be found in the district, and the governor-general at Vladivostok has dispatched a party of soldiers, with two light draught steam launches and four lifeboats, to assist in the work. This party found great difficulty in reaching the scene, owing to the state of the country.

As the settlers have lost their all, even their stock of foodstuffs for the winter, there is likely to be great distress and famine in the region during the coming winter.

#### ASTONISHING BLACKMAIL.

### A Story That Rivals the Campbell Abduction Case.

San Francisco, Oct. 13.—Such a story as Millionaire Campbell told and proved against Oliver Winthrop comes now from Charles Montgomery, proprietor of the Brooklyn hotel, who is a man of means, position and high reputation—just such a story, save that the kidnapper, to call him so, is declared to have planned more wisely than Winthrop, executed more skillfully, reaped a substantial reward for his daring crime and gone scot free.

For more than a year Mr. Montgomery has held his peace and kept his pledge of secrecy, and no one but his wife and his lawyer has known that he was the victim of an astonishing piece of villainy, and that he paid a large sum of money—said to be \$10,000—to his captors as the price of his liberty and personal security.

The Chronicle this morning publishes a sensational story to the effect that a year ago last July Mr. Montgomery had been lured into a vacant house in the most populous part of the city at midday, and had been held a prisoner and threatened with torture and death, and had finally agreed to pay his jailer the sum he demanded within a specified time after his release, had sworn not to betray the robber and had paid the money as he promised.

In an interview upon the subject Montgomery said his reason for not having given publicity to the story earlier was that the kidnapper threatened to kill him if it ever became public, and both he and his wife believed that he would keep his word.

#### MRS. CASTLE IS GUILTY.

### Her Solicitor Admits That She Stole The Furs

New York, Oct. 13.—A dispatch to the World from London, concerning the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, says their solicitor frankly admitted to a representative of the World today Mrs. Castle's guilt. Michael Abrahams, their solicitor, is a criminal lawyer of wide experience and great ability. He declared today that "I have had her examined by some leading specialists in mental diseases, and have no doubt that the judge will admit her symptoms are such as to warrant a defense of kleptomania. She suffers from pains in the head, from complete loss of memory and from other irregularities, which, according to medical science, are known to be frequently associated with delusions. Her case will be decided in a month or six weeks. We shall apply for bail for her again next Tuesday, and I hope she will be released on bonds we can offer. The whole fact of the matter is, in short, that Mrs. Castle did take these articles, but her husband is perfectly innocent of any knowledge whatever of her doing so."

#### The Fate of Two Gamblers.

Fayetteville, Ark., Oct. 13.—Much excitement prevails in the Indian territory over the operation of gamblers, who are fleeing the Indians. The quarterly payment of the Osage tribe was made Thursday, and hundreds of gamblers were present with all kinds of devices, from the shell game to the gold-brick swindle. Two gamblers fleeced a crowd of full bloods, and their victims became enraged and drove them out of the settlement. The gamblers were overtaken at Turkey creek and killed. The names are not known.

## A QUICKSILVER MINE.

### Unfortunately for the Discoverers Is on Government Land.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—For a short time yesterday Christian Soll and John P. Green, two old prospectors, believed they said good-bye to poverty and had jumped into riches that clouded the fame of Monte Cristo from view. They were the possessors, they were confident, by means of filing a mining claim on a portion of the ocean shore near the cliff house, of the richest quicksilver mine in the world. A moderate estimate of its value they thought would reach \$10,000,000, and as the ledge was on property owned by Adolph Sutro, as they thought, they believed they could acquire it under the mining law.

The dream was short-lived. They had scarcely left the city hall, after filing their mineral notice, when they learned that they had located on a piece of the Presidio, instead of the possessions of the mayor. With this knowledge away went shimmering dreams of untold wealth, for title to military reservations is beyond the reach of the caveat of the law regarding mining claims.

But even in the face of this disheartening turn of fortune, Green and Soll still hope, although an inscrutable and immutable hand had banished them like Adam from their Eden. They hope that the government will allow them to develop as much of their claim as lies between the lines of high and low tide, for even with this morsel from the feast they think they can acquire wealth enough for all practical purposes.

#### PAPERS REFUSED HIM.

### Merchant Rosenbloom Is Not a Walking Encyclopedia, So He Can't Vote.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 12.—Merchant Rosenbloom, of Omaha, was today refused citizenship papers in the district court because he could not name the number of representatives each state has in congress. Judge C. R. Scott, who has obtained notoriety through arbitrary course on the bench, presided.

Rosenbloom was subjected to a severe fire of cross-questions. He answered correctly as to the manner of electing a president in this country, the requirements of a foreign citizen desiring to become naturalized, the number of senators and representatives in congress, and the number of senators and representatives Nebraska has in congress, but when asked the number of representatives from each state, he was stumped. He offered to name some of them, but this was not satisfactory to the court. Becoming somewhat indignant, Rosenbloom exclaimed: "I am only a plain business man, your honor, and do not have the time to study up all these questions."

"That does not make any difference," haughtily replied the court, "if the people don't know any more about the requirements than you do, they should never be naturalized."

The court closed the book with a slam, curtly informing the applicant that he talked too much and could not get his papers.

#### THE ARGENTINE WRECK.

### The Disaster Was Due to a Dense Fog Prevailing at the Time.

Kansas City, Oct. 12.—A curious combination of wrecks took place in the Santa Fe yards at Argentine. A dense fog caused the trouble. Four trains were wrecked, but, strange to say, only one man was hurt, and he not fatally.

An eastbound freight train, in trying to enter the yard, was stopped by a switch that refused to work. Before the trouble could be remedied, a special freight, which was following close behind, came along. On account of the fog, the danger signals were not seen until too late. The second train dashed into the first one, wrecking the engine and several cars. Hardly had this collision occurred, when passenger train No. 8 crashed into the rear of the wrecked special, and a few minutes later passenger train No. 2, the California limited, plowed through the rear cars of No. 8.

The only person hurt in these wrecks was a switchman named George Slater, who had his arm broken and his head badly cut. His injuries, although painful, are not considered dangerous. The passengers were somewhat shaken, but no one else was injured. The damage to railroad property amounts to \$50,000.

#### Coal Mining Decision.

South McAllister, I. T., Oct. 12.—Chief Justice Springer, of the Indian territory court of appeals, has rendered a decision, which involves a title to the coal mine property operated by the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railway and directly affecting property in the Choctaw nation to the value of several millions. The decision holds that any person who discovers coal in the Choctaw nation is entitled to take all the coal beneath the surface within a mile radius in every direction from his works.

#### Election Reforms in Australia.

Melbourne, Oct. 12.—The assembly, after an all-night sitting, passed the second reading of the bill establishing female suffrage and "one man to one vote."

## In Foul Cuban Dungeons.

Havana, Oct. 12.—Weyler is fooling our consul, Lee. The order prohibiting the American consul-general from visiting the military prison keeps him from personally investigating the condition of Americans imprisoned there. He has to rely upon what Weyler tells him. In their last interview General Lee complained of the unsanitary condition of the cells the American prisoners were in. Weyler replied boldly: "Oh, I have attended to this matter. They have been removed to cells Nos. 41 and 42."

General Lee retired flattered at his supposed success, not knowing the Americans have always occupied cells Nos. 41 and 42.

Those cells, by the way, are gloomy and so damp that water oozes from the ceilings and trickles down the walls, wetting the floor, which never dries. In one of these wretched cells are Melton, the American newspaper man, and George Aguirre, locked up with a man suffering from small pox. The disagreement between Weyler and Lee continues, the arrested Americans suffering the consequences.

#### Sharkey at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Tom Sharkey, resplendent in a light suit of the latest New York cut, has returned to the city. Several sports journeyed across the bay to meet the "big gun" in pugilism. Sharkey was informed of the latest phase of the attempt to make a match with Dan Lynch. Sharkey, who is thoroughly bent on fighting and who is desperately in earnest, became quite indignant.

"I will wait and hear what Corbett has to say in his letter," said Sharkey. "If he does not mean business I will leave for the East and will make either Corbett or Fitzsimmons fight or I will stamp both as pretenders and show them up to the world."

Sharkey was asked if he was satisfied with the winner taking all of the \$10,000.

"That is perfectly satisfactory. I do not want a cent if I lose the contest."

Sharkey told his friends that Corbett and Fitzsimmons were "dead" ones and related how the Antipodean was willing to give a bag punching exhibition twice a day for \$150 a week. This is one of the reasons that makes Sharkey think that both Corbett and Fitzsimmons will have to fight in the near future.

#### To Develop Korean Mines.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—A party of prominent Denver mining operators and capitalists are here on their way to Korea to engage in a big mining venture. While unwilling to disclose their plans, it is understood they expect to take advantage of a concession granted by the Korean government for the exploration and development of certain valuable mining property in the hermit kingdom, and are taking with them a civil engineer to superintend the construction of a railway to connect the mines with the seaport of Chemulpo. The party includes H. Colburn, L. L. Bailey and George Arthur Rice, all of Denver. With them is W. T. Carley, a civil engineer of Chattanooga, who will have charge of the railway construction and such other works as the syndicate may undertake. The members of the party have engaged passage on the steamer China, which sails today.

#### Attacked by Pirates.

Malaga, Oct. 12.—The Spanish merchant steamer Seville, from French Mediterranean ports, reports that the French bark Corinth, while becalmed recently near the island of Huelcemas, a Spanish prison settlement off the coast of Morocco, was attacked by armed Moors in boats. The pirates bound the crew and pillaged the ship. The crew of the Seville succeeded in rescuing one of the crew of the Corinth and captured one boatload of the Moors. When the Seville approached the Corinth, the pirates opened fire upon her, killing two men and wounding four and eventually compelling the Seville to retire. A Spanish boat has been sent to Morocco with instructions to demand the release of the prisoners and the payment of indemnity. The outrage took place in Spanish waters.

#### Peter Fellers.

Woodburn, Or., Oct. 12.—Peter Fellers, who died a few days ago at his home near Butteville, was one of the oldest pioneers in Marion county. He was born in France, March 6, 1822; came to this country in 1847 and settled in Davis county, Illinois; came to Oregon in 1853, and for the first four years ran a freight team between Oregon City and Albany. He then settled upon his present farm near Butteville, where he lived for forty-two years. He left a widow and six children.

#### Ivory Again Remanded.

London, Oct. 12.—Edward J. Ivory, alias Bell, the saloon-keeper of New York, charged with aiding and abetting the alleged dynamite conspiracy, was brought up again today on a remand from the Bow street police court. Counsel for the treasury department called several witnesses. The prisoner was again remanded for a week.

#### Wholesale Grain-Dealer Assigns.

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—John Lunn, wholesale grain dealer, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities amount to \$73,000; assets, \$30,000.

## TORTURED A DYING WOMAN.

### The Horrible Crime of a Chicago Physician.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Carl F. Nitz, a physician, stabbed his wife to death and afterwards blew his brains out. The couple had lived a quarrelsome and unhappy life, and the woman had made repeated efforts to obtain possession of her husband's property. During a quarrel, Nitz stabbed his wife in the abdomen with a surgical instrument, and, the wound not proving fatal, stabbed her a second time.

From notes found in the room it is evident that the physician had sat down beside his victim to watch her die, and that, while so occupied, he repeatedly plunged the knife into the vital parts and on paper noted the effect of the wounds inflicted. For over four hours, as shown by his notes, he tortured the dying woman. During this time, he went out and procured an oyster stew at a neighboring restaurant, and purchased the revolver with which he finally killed himself.

Late in the evening the police learned of the murder and went to the house. Nitz, who had hid in the basement, killed himself when he found there was no chance of escape. While the woman was slowly dying, the aged father of the physician sat in an adjoining room ignorant of the tragedy that was being committed. The murderer and suicide was 40 years of age, and well to-do.

#### BAD JUDGMENT ONLY.

### Coroner's Jury's Verdict in Railroad Accident Near Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 9.—The coroner's jury resumed taking testimony in the trainwreck case this morning. James Porter, engineer of No. 16, and Superintendent Fields were heard, and the jury brought in the following verdict at 4 P. M.:

"We, the coroner's jury, impeached and sworn to inquire how the deceased persons were, and when, where and by what means they came to their deaths, do find the deceased persons to be Albert Toy, John McGonigle and George R. Happersett; that they came to their death October 6, 1896, half a mile south of Green's station, on the Southern Pacific railroad, by a collision between two locomotives. It was elicited from the evidence that the southbound engine was running under orders, and that the northbound engine had a right to flag back, as there was no telegraph station at Green's station, and did comply with this regulation up to the straight track, one mile and a half south of Green's station, which straight track they had a right to run over unflagged when they could see. It being daylight they dropped down this straight track with the intention of flagging through the fog and around a small curve. We find no one guilty of breaking the regulations of running, but deficient judgment was shown as to the distance from the fog that would make them safe in commencing to flag again, which, according to evidence, they were intending to resume."

#### A Fisherman's Haul.

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 9.—Last evening at about 8 o'clock, a fisherman known as Austian Pete, while drifting for salmon in the harbor, felt an unusually heavy weight on his net. Upon hauling up the net, he found the dead body of John Fass entangled in the meshes. The coroner was at once notified, and took the body in charge. It will be buried today. Fass had been drinking heavily, and after 6 o'clock last evening left Dolan's saloon, on the corner of Heron and F streets, telling his friends that he was going to "jump overboard." They paid little attention to his remark, as he had frequently threatened to commit suicide. He was last seen alive about 7 o'clock, and his being picked up so soon is very remarkable.

#### Stealing Real Estate Not a Crime.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The supreme court today decided that, to obtain real estate under false pretenses is no crime under the statute. James H. Cummings was tried for such an offense in the supreme court and acquitted on a demurrer which contended that the code only defined the offense of obtaining money under false pretenses, and of swindling to obtain merely money, wares, merchandise and other property. It was held that this exempted real estate from the section, the words "and other property" being construed to mean other property of the same character as the kinds mentioned. The supreme court upheld the decision of the lower court.

#### E. S. Orr is Now Mayor of Tacoma.

Tacoma, Oct. 9.—A. V. Fawcett, acting mayor since April, vacated the office at 8 o'clock this morning, the state supreme court having decided E. S. Orr, the contestant, entitled to be seated pending a further hearing of the case, which will be in the superior court in about two months. Mayor Orr called a special meeting of the city council for tomorrow morning to consider how public business can be most harmoniously carried on.

#### Horses for Honolulu.

Ellensburg, Wash., Oct. 9.—Claude and Ralph Helm left today with a carload of Percheron horses, bound for San Francisco, whence they will sail for Honolulu. The horses range from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds each.